

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chair Steve Lavin, on February 20, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Lavin, Chair (R)
Rep. Frank Garner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dave Fern (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Bridget Smith (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. George G. Kipp III, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Abigail Konen, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 459, 2/16/2017; HB 471, 2/16/2017; HB 484, 2/16/2017; HB 485, 2/16/2017; HB 512, 2/18/2017
Executive Action on: HB 408, HB 415

HEARING ON HB 471

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:11 Rep. Kelly Flynn (R), HD 70, Exceed speed limit when in passing zone.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:42 Jason Hildenstab, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

00:04:55 Daniel Truesdell, Self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:31 Vice Chair Garner

00:08:52 Jason Hildenstab, MHP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:09:18 Rep. Flynn

HEARING ON HB 459

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:10:20 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, Revise local government authority of certain speed limits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:11:12 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT](#)(trh37a01)

00:13:26 Greg Robertson, Missoula County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:40 Rep. Loge

00:18:53 Rep. Curdy

00:19:13 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:19:40 Rep. Curdy

00:19:51 Greg Robertson, Missoula County

00:20:13 Rep. Loge

00:20:21 Vice Chair Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:36 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 485

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:21:06 Rep. Theresa Manzella (R), HD 85, Revise drivers license laws related to veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:56 Sarah Garcia, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:24:07 Rep. Manzella

HEARING ON HB 484

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:24:39 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, Revise motor vehicle fee for state parks, facilities, and fishing access.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:06 Tom Towe, Montana Parks Board

[EXHIBIT\(trh37a02\)](#)

00:39:22 Drew Geiger, Montana Parks Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(trh37a03\)](#)

00:40:39 Chere Jiusto, Montana Preservation Alliance

Opponents' Testimony:

00:44:01 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurer's Association (MCTA)

Informational Testimony:

00:45:56 Eileen Ryce, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

00:46:19 Elijah Allen, Montana Heritage Commission

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:46:59 Rep. Loge

00:47:39 Rep. Court

00:48:56 Elijah Allen, Montana Heritage Commission

00:50:34 Chair Lavin

00:51:15 Rep. Court

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:23 Rep. Court

HEARING ON HB 512

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:56:49 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, Require orange flag for bicycles.

[EXHIBIT\(trh37a04\)](#)

00:58:09 Rep. Doane joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:01:32 Linda Gryczan, Self

[EXHIBIT\(trh37a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh37a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(trh37a07\)](#)

01:07:43 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:09:50 Rep. Fern

01:10:25 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

01:10:34 Linda Gryczan, Self

01:10:52 Rep. Hamilton

01:11:18 Melinda Barnes, Bike Walk Montana

01:12:25 Rep. Hamilton

01:12:58 Linda Gryczan, Self

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:51 Rep. McKamey

01:16:30 Chair Lavin

01:17:46 Vice Chair Garner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408

01:17:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 408 DO PASS.**

01:18:03 Chair Lavin

01:18:34 **Motion:** Chair Lavin moved that **HB 408 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(trh37a08\)](#)

Discussion:

01:18:59 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:19:25 Chair Lavin

01:19:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Grubbs and Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

01:20:00 **Motion:** Chair Lavin moved that **HB 408 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:20:10 Rep. Fern
01:21:05 Chair Lavin
01:21:11 Rep. Loge
01:21:45 Rep. Trebas
01:22:48 Rep. Hamilton
01:23:50 Rep. Shaw
01:24:19 Chair Lavin
01:24:32 Vice Chair Garner
01:25:26 Rep. Hamilton
01:25:43 Chair Lavin
01:25:52 Jason Mohr, LSD

01:26:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. Doane voting no. Rep. Grubbs and Rep. Kipp voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 415

01:26:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 415 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

01:27:07 Chair Lavin

01:27:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Rep. Grubbs and Vice Chair Kipp were excused.

01:28:53 **Motion:** Rep. Fern moved that **HB 415 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(trh37a09\)](#)

Discussion:

01:29:12 Rep. Fern
01:29:39 Chair Lavin
01:29:45 Jason Mohr, LSD
01:31:43 Chair Lavin
01:32:00 Rep. Loge
01:32:43 Chair Lavin
01:32:45 Jason Mohr, LSD
01:33:03 Rep. Hamilton
01:33:56 Chair Lavin
01:34:23 Rep. Trebas
01:34:37 Chair Lavin

01:35:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Grubbs and Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

01:35:25 **Motion/Vote:** Vice Chair Garner moved that **HB 415 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
Motion carried 12-1 by voice vote with Rep. Doane voting no. Rep. Grubbs and
Vice Chair Kipp voted by proxy.

01:36:10 Chair Lavin

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:37:22

Abigail Konen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([trh37aad.pdf](#))